

Emma Houde House (Arpin House)
77 Washington Street
Claremont
Sullivan County
New Hampshire

HABS No. NH-198

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STATE New Hampshire	COUNTY Sullivan	TOWN OR VICINITY Claremont
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Emma Houde House		HABS NO. NH-198
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Arpin House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 77 Washington Street Claremont, New Hampshire		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1906 <u>Claremont Directory</u> 1907-08		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Original Use: private residence The Emma Houde House is considered significant as a contributing element of a potential National Register Historic District containing five mid-late 19th century residential structures (Criteria C). Structure determined ineligible as individual unit.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Queen Anne Revival (with Colonial Revival transitional features)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame: Western Platform Foundation: fieldstone/brick top course Sheathing: clapboards Roof: asphalt shingle		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular assymmetrical with projecting bays, porches		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Structure is distinguished by steeply pitched gabled roof and three projecting bays on N, E & W ELVS, all bearing full pediments. Roof is punctuated by two brick stove chimneys with corbelled caps. Facade (N ELV) and W ELV are enhanced by a broad wrap-around porch supported with paired columns.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) (see page 2) Significant interior features are concentrated on the first floor. The entrance, foyer and front parlor adjoin by means of a large segmental arch opening, where the richly adorned main stair is the focal point of these spaces. The paneled stair has a square, carved newel post, square balusters.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (see page 2) Structure entirely clad with textured, wood-grain vinyl siding ca. 1975 Original natural woodwork (beamed ceilings, trim, etc.) covered with paint Conversion of second floor to an apartment; modification of upper stair		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition: Good Use: Two apartment units (1 per floor). First floor occupied only.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Emma Houde, widow of Arsene J. (d. 1/14/1906) erected the building as a private residence in the year of her husband's death. Wilfred A. (draftsman) and Adelard Houde (machinist) occupied the property with Mrs. Houde.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>Claremont Directory 1907-08. Union Publishing Co. Methuen, MA. 1907</u> Sanborn Insurance Maps of the City of Claremont, N.H. Sanborn-Perris Map Company. New York. 1899. 1904 Interview: Julianne B. Arpin November 22, 1983 (former owner of 55 year residence)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Christopher W. Closs, MNRP Closs Planning Consultants Concord, N.H.		DATE 11/22/83

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Exterior Features of Note (continued)

Tuscan columns. A second story (screened) porch is contained within the gabled entrance pavilion element. A hip roofed solarium projects from the southwest corner of the building.

The rear or south end of the roof structure of the main block is hipped in configuration, rather than gabled.

The principal entrance contains a wooden door, glazed with three tall, narrow beveled glass lights. To its right, the front parlor is illuminated by means of a large square opening which contains a leaded, colored glass transom set above a operable, single-light, picture window.

The two-story bay window projecting from the W ELV has canted corners beneath the gabled pediment, which are articulated with brackets.

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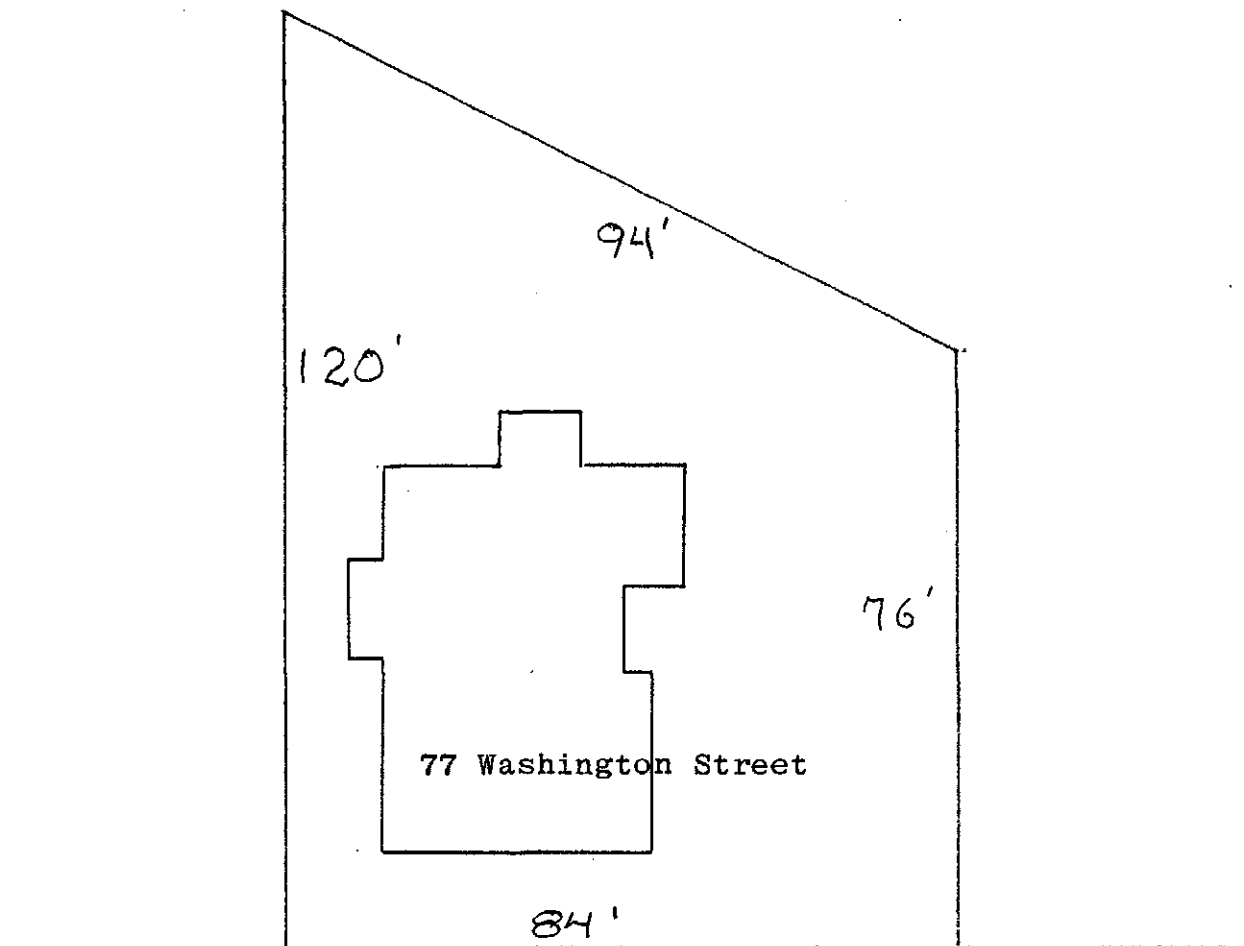
balusters and two intermediate landings. The straight handrail is molded in profile and broken by two additional square newel posts on the lower landing. A closet is built in beneath the staircase.

All floors are polished maple. The front parlor, as well as the dining room and rear parlor are designed with exposed, beamed ceilings, the joists being encased. The three rooms are interconnected by means of large bays with folding French doors. A crown molding circumscribes the ceilings of all rooms. Pilaster trim with turned corner blocks adorns door and window openings in these rooms.

Bedrooms on the second floor are arranged about the central hall corridor and are trimmed with varnished hard pine (original finishes) in typical configuration found on the floor below. Stamped oval door hardware, hinges and electrical lighting fixtures all appear to be original. A single, plainly finished bedroom and closet, in addition to an attic, characterize the third floor. The bedroom is illuminated by the fanlight located within the gable wall of the facade.


Other Information (continued)

The property was used as a private home (which also accepted boarders) initially, and was later acquired by the Moose Club, which used it as a fraternal hall. In the 1920s, the Beadreau brothers purchased the property as their home. In 1936 the Arpin family acquired the property and created the second story apartment. The structure was part of a solidly French Canadian immigrant neighborhood developed about 1900 at the intersection of Washington and Winter Streets, stimulated by expansion of Claremont's textile and machine tool industry.

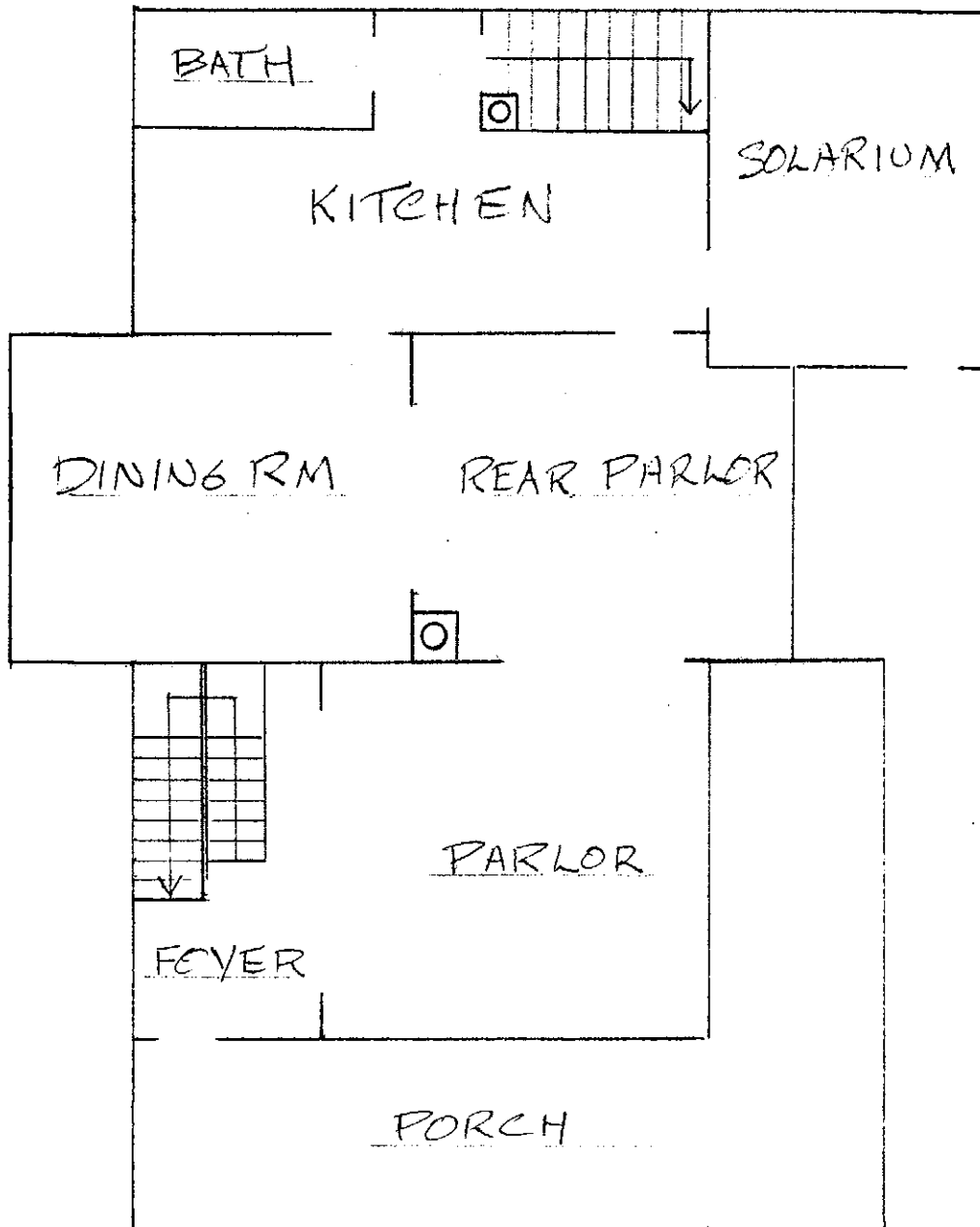


WASHINGTON STREET

77 Washington Street
SITE PLAN: Claremont, N.H.
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NORTH  SCALE: 1"/25'
ACREAGE: .19 acres

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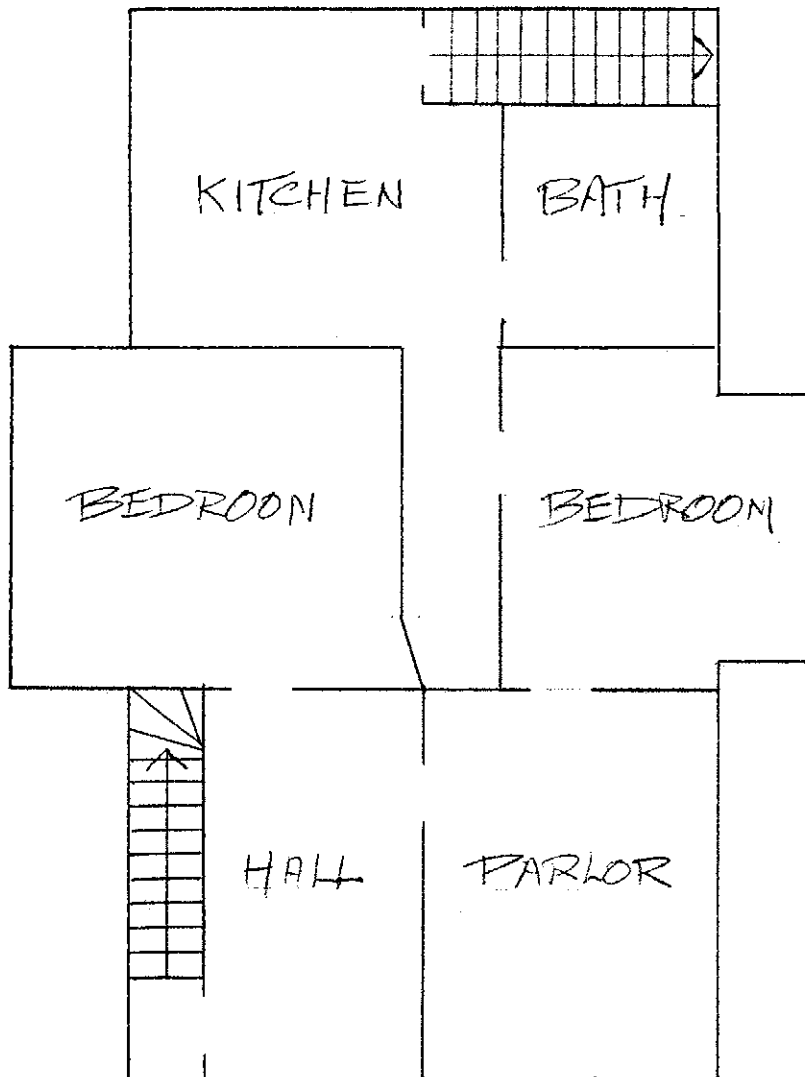
FLOOR PLAN: 77 Washington Street
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NORTH  SCALE: 1/8"


FIRST FLOOR

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SECOND FLOOR

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